

UINTAH CITY



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Mayor Lawrence Flitton

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Planning – Tim Petty

Council Members:

TUESDAY, September 20th, 2016

Building Inspector-Jeff Monroe

Michelle Roberts

Gordon Cutler

7:00 PM

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Jerry Smith

Greg Johnson

MINUTES

Sheriff – Lt. Talbot

Fire Chief – William Pope

Attendees: Mayor Flitton, Gordon Cutler, Michelle Roberts, Mike Ulrich, Nate Hadley, Chief Pope, Kris Stuart, Sue Bybee, Daniel Hoyle, Crystal Peters, Patti Sawyer, Cason Sawyer, Gary Worthen, Jonah Warren, Sgt. Mark Horton and Darinda Wardell.

Excused: Jerry Smith and Greg Johnson

MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flitton called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gordon Cutler

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Council members are required by law to file a public disclosure statement with the City Recorder listing business interests and investments that could create a conflict of interest with the duties of the Council Member. When a matter in which a Council member has a business or investment interest appears on the Council agenda, the Council member must publicly disclose that interest.

Mayor Flitton asked the Council if they had any conflicts of interest with tonight's agenda; there was none.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes per person):** (00:00:54)

- None

3. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND MEETING MINUTES HELD SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2016:** (00:01:05)

Presenter: Mayor Flitton

- Mayor Flitton asked if there were any questions on the minutes.
- Michelle Roberts motioned to approve the City Council work session and meeting minutes from September 6th, 2016.
- Seconded by Gordon Cutler
- All in favor; the motion passed.

4. **TREASURERS REPORT:** (00:03:27)

Presenter: Mike Ulrich

- a. Invoice Register:

The invoice register is a listing of bills that were paid during the month.

The invoice register is reviewed and approved each month per guidelines from the state and our auditors in order to stay in compliance with the laws of the state financial code.

The invoice register for August was reviewed.

Mike stated that Jerry Smith inquired about the charge to Fresh Market; it was divided between U-day and the salmon bake and appeared to be a double payment. Mike explained that it was divided equally between the two accounts which created what appeared to be a double payment.

Michelle Roberts asked what VOIP meant. Mayor Flitton advised it was voice override for the phone.

Gordon Cutler motioned to approve the invoice register for August 1st – August 31st, 2016.

Seconded by Michelle Roberts

All in favor; Michelle Roberts – yes; Mayor Flitton – yes; Gordon Cutler – yes.

The motion passed.

- b. Transaction Register:

The transaction register is a listing of any changes that are made during the month to customer accounts in the ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS, water, storm water, or garbage. The changes are credits given, over changes reduced or added, late fees removed. These changes to accounts are reviewed and approved by the council as directed by the state and our auditor to stay in compliance with the laws of the state financial code.

The transaction register for the period of August 12th – September 16th, 2016 was reviewed.

Darinda explained the adjustments were due to a lost mailing from American First Credit Union with two checks in it. The last adjustment was a connection fee for a home that the services were turned off and now sold; the bad debt was collected.

Michelle Roberts motioned to approve the transaction register for the period of August 12th, 2016 – September 16th, 2016.

Gordon Cutler seconded the motion.

All in favor; Michelle Roberts – yes; Mayor Flitton – yes; Gordon Cutler – yes.

The motion passed.

Transaction Reversal Report - Court:

The transaction reversal report is a listing of any changes that are made during the month to customer accounts for the court. The changes are credits given, over changes reduced or added, late fees removed. These changes to accounts are reviewed and approved by the council as directed by the state and our auditor to stay in

compliance with the laws of the state financial code. The Transaction Reversal Report for August was blank no action was required.

c. Budget:

Mike noted that we are 16% of the way through the new year. All the departments look good with the exception of roads, and that is because of our road project just completed.

5. EAGLE SCOUT REPORT TO COUNCIL: (00:09:33)

Presenter: Deputy Gary Worthen, Cason Sawyer and Jonah Warren

- Deputy Worthen stated that they wanted to update the Council on their Memorial project. They had pre-purchased gift cards from Papa Murphy's, Krispy Kreme and Jamba Juice to mark up and sell for the fund raiser. They were rained out at U-Day and did a little better at the Weber County Fair.
- They have now decided to concentrate on business donations rather than the fund raiser.
- They are still working on the design which will be out of rock, cement and railroad ties. The only cost will be for the plaques. They are looking to see if the same company who donated the plaques for Officer Doug Barney's memorial will donate for this as well.
- Mayor Flitton asked how much they needed; the reply was that is still to be determined.
- Gordon Cutler commented that Jerry Smith might have a contact for them; touch base with Jerry.
- They reported that the design might include solar lights that will change from white to blue.
- The project is scheduled for completion on U-Day 2017.

6. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: (00:15:09)

Presenter: Nate Hadley

- Water: Lead and copper tests were taken and analyzed last month. The test results, Lead average – 0.0015 (MCL .0015), Copper average – 0.174 (MCL 1.3)
- Uintah Springs Business Park's first water test came back positive for coliform; they flushed the lines again and the second test has been submitted.
- Disinfection by products quarterly samples will be taken at the end of the month. We are still balancing water supply and distribution throughout the city by changing distribution zones according to tank level. This past August we used close to the same amount of water as August of 2013. We need to discuss different strategies to curb the high usage in the coming years.
- Streets: Cement rings around water valves and man hole covers on Combe road: Air compressor and jack hammer rental \$145 a day. Cement ~ \$160, Steel plate rental \$5 per day \$200 to deliver. We would need 12 of these plates.
- Gathered bids for repair of salt spreader ~ \$1000. Just waiting on the contractor to clarify bids to actually compare apples to apples.
- Nate repaired some small pot holes down by Swander's and visited again with Jones and Associates on the possibility of a cul-de-sac for that end of the street.
- Cemetery: Nothing out of the ordinary, just regular maintenance and yard care.
- Park: Toilet wax ring replaced and part of plus flush mechanism replaced. Drain in concession stand repaired. Tennis/ Basketball court resurfacing in progress.
- Storm Water: Sample taken from Weber county retention basin and delivered to lab. Awaiting results.
- Nate will collect a second sample from the Weber County pond after the next rain storm; it will take three weeks for those results.
- Michelle Roberts thanked Nate for all his hard work.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN UINTAH CITY AND MORGAN COUNTY: (00:19:24)

Presenter: Chief Pope

- Chief Pope reported that in August the fire department responded to assist with a large grass fire in Morgan County and afterwards found out that we do not have a Mutual Aid Agreement with them.
- Our City Attorney asked that this be tabled until he and the Morgan County Attorney update some of the code references and verify some liability issues.
- Michelle Roberts motioned to table this Mutual Aid Agreement between Uintah City and Morgan County until we hear back from the attorneys.
- Gordon Cutler seconded the motion.
- All in favor the motion passed.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: (00:22:06)

Presenter: Chief Pope

- Chief Pope reported that this last month we had no medical calls and three fire calls; this is the first time since he has been Chief that this has happened. The three fire calls were two grass fires and one burnt cookies.
- It is open burn from September 15th through October 31st.
- We have recruited two new firefighters; Justin Gallegos and Nathan Jorgensen. Don Pearson resigned last month to have Thursday nights with the grandkids.
- The Council remarked that Don Pearson has done a lot for our City and we appreciate everything he has done.

- Chief Pope reported that they have spent all but .87 cents of the CDBG grant. They were able to purchase 20 sets of SCBA's and 16 sets of PPE.
- The FFSL grant of \$14,800 was spent on mobile radios and wildland hand tools.
- The Stadium S grant of \$2,800 is being used to purchase EMS training materials and equipment.
- The wild land brush truck has been a two summer project. The paperwork is submitted and should be ready to go for the next season. The State has now allowed small cities with no defensible space some consideration.
- Gordon Cutler asked how many citizens are on the fire department. Chief Pope stated besides Mike Marz; the Sacco's have moved into the Highlands; so that makes the number four.
- Mayor Flitton commented on the good recruiting.
- Chief Pope stated that they would like to host a trunk and treat and open house at the fire department on Halloween night between 6 and 8 pm.

9. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ON THE GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SERVICE UPGRADE BETWEEN ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER AND UINTAH CITY FOR SERVICE TO THE FIRE STATION AND ASSOCIATED FEES: (00:38:30)

Presenter: Mayor Flitton

- Chief Pope stated that he had been thinking about this for the past two weeks and has come to a realization. He was a full time fire fighter and retired after 20 years as a Captain in California. He supervised four people on a day to day basis that entire time. Now he is the Fire Chief and is learning as he goes; there is no manual on how to be a Fire Chief just as the Council doesn't have a book on how to deal with a Fire Chief and Fire Department and more so with a volunteer. The Chief worked over 100 hours last month and was paid \$250; which means he gets paid roughly .60 cents per hour; he and the firefighters are volunteers. He doesn't get paid to be here, he doesn't need to be here. He is just here and that's fine.
- Chief Pope stated that he wanted to approach this differently; he felt like we hit a wall last week; he and the rest of the volunteer firefighters feel like on their side of the wall that they are the left headed stepchildren; and that seemed to come to a head last week. It was said that this is the Fire Department's responsibility, this is their fault and we really don't care about the Fire Department. He stated that he really didn't know how it was said; that was his take away from the meeting was it was a Fire Department issue.
- In reality it is like it is posted in the agenda; an agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and Uintah City; and at the end of the day the Fire Department is part of the City. We are volunteering our time for the City; we are a department of the City, we are here with our responsibilities and we want to be part of the City too. Sometimes we don't feel like that and it makes things rough; so that's why we are here; we want to try to rebuild that bridge; to get away from the wall of us vs them; it should be all inclusive; this is a Uintah City thing. His extension of an olive branch to show that the Fire Department is really part of the City is to propose that the City take the \$2,600 out of impact fees and the other \$2,600 out of his operating budget so that the Fire Department pays the entire bill. It is going to sting and it is going to hurt; but we can make it work. With that being said Chief Pope threw himself at the mercy of the Council.
- Michelle Roberts stated that she was impressed with his humility; she too agreed that this whole project has put the Council, the Chief and the Firefighters in a position that nobody liked. For the Chief to come forward and say what he said, she commended him and took what he said to heart. She never felt it was us against you, it was doing what was best for the citizens, what was best for the fire department and finding that fine line; and it has been a very fine line.
- Michelle stated that she was going to stay with her stance that we have to be fair to everyone; we need to pay our portion as much as you need to pay your share. We need to appropriate this correctly.
- Gordon Cutler appreciated his comments as well. As long as he has been on the Council and the Planning Commission he always felt that the Fire Department didn't want to be part of the City. He felt that the Fire Department just wanted to take the money and do what they wanted to do, that was prior to Chief Pope's appointment. He appreciates all the Chief does and he appreciates everything the Fire Department does for the City. Gordon stated that he will work on his attitude, he will still raise his concerns and he wants the Fire Department to know that the City wants them and that the City supports them. With that being said the offer to pay for everything; we should take it and remember next budget to pay the Fire Department back if we have the funds.
- Mayor Flitton was impressed with the Chief; he stated he couldn't have said it better. He stated that a lot of thought went into his words and he wished that Greg and Jerry were here to hear this. It wasn't just the words, he actually felt them. That's very impressive, we have it recorded, share this with your guys and we need to rally to that. Thank you for the offer.
- After discussion the Council figured that the City portion of the bill would be \$1,100 and the rest would come out of the Fire Department operating fund.
- Michelle Roberts stated to Chief Pope that she hoped that he sees that this is our olive branch to him; there has been harsh words said on both sides of the bench and she knows that we all want to work kindly and professionally together. We know that you come at things differently and we know that those ways are hard and hard to perceive; maybe because it is passionate, but she hopes going forward that we can work together and that it's not a you vs us or us vs you; but that we all work together. Know that you are valued and that the Fire Department is valued as well.
- Gordon Cutler stated that he wanted to say one more thing and that was he appreciated the hit the Fire Department was going to take on their budget and that he appreciated Chief Pope's willingness to do so.
- Gordon Cutler motioned to enter into a service contract with Rocky Mountain Power to upgrade the service at the Fire Department with the City paying \$1,100 and the remaining balance to be paid by the Fire Department.
- Michelle Roberts seconded the motion.

- All in favor; Michelle Roberts – yes; Mayor Flitton – yes; Gordon Cutler – yes.
- The motion passed.

10. SHERIFF'S REPORT: (00:57:47)

Presenter: Sgt. Mark Horton

- Sgt. Horton reported that Lt. Talbot is in St. George at a training meeting.
- He reviewed the July stats with the Council.
- Gordon Cutler asked for some extra patrol for speeders along 6850 south as well as on Combe Rd.
- Mayor Flitton asked that they update the mailing list on the pass along report because he was unaware of most of the incidents on the report for July.
- The Council thanked Sgt. Horton for his report and service.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS: (01:05:00)

- Gordon Cutler reported that he had attended the Utah Highway Transportation meeting and asked Chris Peterson; the UDOT Region 1 Supervisor if he would come to a work session with the Council to discuss future plans for US 89; Combe Road and 6600 South. Gordon will invite him to our October 4th work session scheduled for 6:00 pm.

12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: (01:09:44)

Michelle Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Gordon Cutler

All in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by City Council this 4th day of October, 2016.



DARINDA K. WARDELL, City Recorder